September 21, 2011 High school faculty meeting @ 8 am

RE: What we need to do to assist students who are failing

VIP: (very important point) Parents are the first educators. We are here because we want your children to succeed in their educational endeavors. Please help us work together….

DISCUSSION:

1-limt as to times on list when another step needs to kick in

* Set # of sessions
* Letter home
* Emphasize parental responsibility for checking Sycamore regularly

2- 9th hour possibility with rotating supervision

* What about them not knowing what the teacher wants
* Problem – failing, touch bases and told to go home
* General comments were against this idea
* Joyce stated that all kids she followed up with (@25 students) all knew what they needed to do to get off of the failing list

3-Most students on list are those with IEP in place or those who will always struggle.

4-questions asked about whether the letters are mailed or given to students.

5-Letter structure:

1-plan for assisting students to succeed

-provide opportunity for your child to succeed

-differentiate / accommodate learning styles or needs

-If your child ends up on mailing list on Monday – then…

-daily contact

-Encourage constant use of daily planners for organization

2-Your child will be verbally notified on Wednesday if they are failing

-this will allow them time to improve before grades are pulled on Mondays

-please note that grades may change due to additional assignments

-Letters will sent by mail on Mondays to parents and one will be given to students

-students must then make contact with teacher daily until failing grade is improved

-ineligibility is for the week – Tuesday to Tuesday

-If there is no improvement in two weeks, conference w/parent/student/teacher

3-Parent responsibilities

-Please check Sycamore daily

-check w/student to make sure work is completed

-encourage good study habits (i.e. study habits, sleep habits, need for breakfast)

-If you have concerns contact the teacher and encourage student to talk to teacher first

-Possible arrange for a tutor if your student continues to struggle